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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person riding a
9 bicycle is required to stop at a stop sign.

10 This bill would allow a person riding a
11 bicycle to treat a stop sign as a yield sign under
12 certain conditions.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to bicycles; to amend Section 32-5A-260,
19 Code of Alabama 1975, to provide an exception to certain
20 requirements for bicyclists; to add Section 32-5A-267 to the
21 Code of Alabama 1975, to allow a person riding a bicycle to
22 treat a stop sign as a yield sign.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 32-5A-260, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 "§32-5A-260.

1 ~~Every~~ Except as provided in Section 32-5A-267,
2 every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted
3 all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties
4 applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except
5 as to special regulations in this article and except as to
6 those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can
7 have no application."

8 Section 2. Section 32-5A-267 is added to the Code of
9 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

10 §32-5A-267.

11 (a) A bicycle operator approaching a stop sign at an
12 intersection with a roadway having three or more lanes for
13 moving traffic shall come to a complete stop before entering
14 the intersection.

15 (b) A bicycle operator approaching a stop sign at an
16 intersection where a vehicle is stopped in the roadway at the
17 same stop sign shall come to a complete stop before entering
18 the intersection.

19 (c) A bicycle operator approaching a stop sign at an
20 intersection with a roadway having two or fewer lanes for
21 moving traffic shall reduce speed and, if required for safety,
22 stop before entering the intersection. After slowing to a
23 reasonable speed or stopping, the person shall yield the
24 right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching
25 on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate
26 hazard during the time the person is moving across or within
27 the intersection.

1 (d) A bicycle operator approaching an intersection
2 shall always yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has
3 already entered the intersection.

4 (e) When a bicycle and a vehicle enter an
5 intersection from different roadways at approximately the same
6 time, the operator of the vehicle or bicycle on the left shall
7 yield the right-of-way to the vehicle or bicycle on the right.

8 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
9 first day of the third month following its passage and
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.